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Showdown Battles In China

Canton, Aug. 14.—The showdown battles in the Hengyang and Kanchow areas, now going on in uniform velocity, will decide the fate of Canton in the very near future.

The Communist attack on Kanchow, undertaken by two army groups under one-eyed Liu Po-cheng, has already reached its climax. In two co-ordinated columns, one from Hsingkuo and the other from Szechuan, both along the highways, the Reds are fighting fiercely for Kanchow and have reached a point only five miles away.

Official reports asserted the Communists were halted at Wuyinchiao, and fighting was going on furiously near Huangtouling, a few miles away from Kanchow. Artillery firing was said to be audible in Kanchow.

Meanwhile, the Communists from north of the Canton-Hankow railway are pouring troops into desperate battle in front of Hengshan. Lin Piao's 40th army has taken Chuling, 35 kilometres north of Hengyang, where Chuling Bridge was blown up by the Nationalists during their withdrawal.

NEAR FOOCHOW

It is also understood that the railway authorities have ordered destruction of the Shihwan Bridge, about 10 kilometres north of Hengshan, on military instructions.

According to Central News, the Communist troops under Chen Yi are engaged in fighting in the suburbs in Yungtai in an attempt to isolate Foochow.

In Kansu, the city of Lan-chow appears to be doomed. Despite official reports that the Communists under Peng Teh-hui and Nieh Yung-chun have been checked, the vanguard of the Communist troops are believed within 20 miles of the city.—United Press.

Payroll Robbery In Sardinia

Cagliari, Sardinia, Aug. 14.—The police arrested today four bandits wielding sub-machine-guns killed four policemen and seriously wounded five others yesterday in a daring US\$15,000 daylight factory payroll robbery.—United Press.

EDITORIAL

Crisis Over A King

BELGIUM'S new Government, a two-party coalition of Christian Socialists (Catholics) and Liberals, will tomorrow outline its policy to Parliament and seek a vote of confidence. The new Government was formed last week, after the country had been without one for more than six weeks owing to the bitter controversy over whether or not King Leopold III should return to the throne. Headed by a Catholic, M. Gaston Eyskens, the coalition faces urgent economic and social problems, but is described by correspondents as nothing more than a "stop-gap" Government. It is reported to have no concrete plan for a solution of the monarchy dispute, and further drawn out and bitter wrangling may be expected before the matter is settled. King Leopold, who has been living in Switzerland since his release from the Germans after the war, is supported in his desire to return to the throne by the Catholics. He is opposed, bitterly, by the Socialists, and, less adamantly, by the Liberals. The Catholics are the biggest party in Belgium, with the Socialists the second largest. There have been numerous attempts since the war to reach an agreement on the question of the King's return, but all have failed. The three parties have even been unable to agree on a method of testing public opinion. A referendum throughout the country to see if the King still has the support of the people has been proposed, but here again, the three parties are unable to find agreement. The Catholics demand that a simple majority in favour of the King should authorise Parliament to invite him to return to the throne. The Socialists are against a referendum altogether. They say that it would threaten

Belgium's unity and intensify the differences which already exist between the parties. But they might reluctantly agree to a referendum if it was agreed that nothing short of a two-thirds majority would be counted in the King's favour. The Liberals say that the question of the King's return should be put to a Parliamentary vote if the referendum discloses that 55 percent of the people are in favour. The King himself suggested last year that a majority referendum should be regarded as effective. Recently, however, he said that the referendum should be held solely to determine public opinion. The actual decision should be left to Parliament. He flatly rejected the Socialist proposal that he should have to obtain a two-thirds majority. Announcing this he said, "If I thought that in resuming my prerogatives I would not be rendering a service to my country, I would abdicate in favour of my son and heir." This question of abdication is one which has been frequently raised, and there is a large body of opinion which feels that if the King offered to abdicate if the referendum were not in his favour, the problem would be a lot nearer solution. Such an offer on the King's part, it is believed, would greatly add to Belgium's chances of stability. The opposition to King Leopold is largely personal, and it arises from his conduct at the time of the Belgian capitulation. On the whole the Belgian people are still in favour of the monarchical system and they have accepted Leopold's brother as Regent for several years. If the King were to offer to abdicate, they would probably agree to the accession of his son, now eighteen, and the crisis would be over.

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GERMANS VOTE FOR FIRST PARLIAMENT

Christian Democrats Leading In Returns

Frankfurt, Aug. 14.—Rival political workers clashed in street fights in several cities today as West Germany voted for its first Parliament. Election of a 400-seat Parliament is the first step in the formation of the new state West Germany that will take a place in the family of Western Nations.

The clashes occurred as millions of Germans went peacefully to the polls.

More than 31,000,000 Germans are eligible to vote. Some 40 to 50 percent of them were estimated to have voted, by 3 p.m. CEST (1 p.m. GMT) four hours before the polls close.

Extreme Right wing groups, some of them not openly linked to officially licensed parties, placarded the streets in Northern Germany with calls for a "voters' strike".

SWASTIKAS APPEAR

One leaflet urged "passive resistance against the elections. Another put out by the extreme Right German Conservative Party (DKP) demanded a united Germany stretching from East Prussia to the Saar—an impossible demand with Russia controlling Eastern Germany.

Swastikas appeared pasted over election posters at Oldesloe, near Hanover.

These parties were making a big effort to attract the 3,500,000 Nazis restored to voting rights since the 11 states of Western Germany elected their legislatures in 1946 and early 1947.

Despite the bitterness and violence of the campaign, observers of the Western Allied occupation Powers felt confident that the majority of Germans would vote for the big parties, pledged to political and economic freedom.

BIG ISSUE

The big issue between the two largest parties is free enterprise versus socialism on the British model.

Neither the CDU nor the SPD will win a majority in the elections, and the future economic structure of West Germany may become the dominant issue within the future government.

The Parliament elected today will meet for the first time on September 7. Two days later the German deputies will elect the first President of Western Germany.

Indications that voters were taking their responsibilities seriously in the election came from all parts—from the top of Germany's highest mountain, the Zugspitze, to the Baltic Sea.

At Luebeck on the Baltic, hotel owners said: "Last weekend we could have used 300 extra beds for guests. Today we could use 400."

Police were reinforced throughout the three Western occupation zones for the voting. They were stationed at all polling booths and banned campaigning nearby.

Extra police were stationed at all crossing points on the British-Soviet border. Election officials there feared that Communist gaunt from the Eastern zone might try to enter the British zone and start trouble.—Associated Press.

HITLER'S PICTURE

Frankfurt, Aug. 14.—Reinmann, the West German Communist leader, and Karl Arnold, Christian Democratic Minister-President of North Rhine-Westphalia, entered a polling booth almost simultaneously in Dusseldorf today.

A newspaper photographer tried to get them to pose together but was cut short by an irate woman voter who cried: "You should be ashamed to take a picture of such a man," meaning Reinmann.

In Southern Bavaria, 80-year-old Crown Prince Ruprecht, "Heil Apparent" to the Bavarian Throne, did not vote.

He said haughtily: "I have never voted in my life. I am above parties."

Photographs of Hitler appeared in a number of unsigned posters in Heidelberg. One showed Hitler standing by the side of Dr Kurt Schumacher, Social Democratic leader, and asking: "Can you tell the difference?"

The oddest voting district is at Buesingen—German en-

SHAW'S NEW PLAY

ACCLAIMED

London, Aug. 14.—George Bernard Shaw's long awaited play, "Buoyant Billions," which had its first performances in English at the Malvern Festival Theatre yesterday, made headlines in all the British press today.

The critics agreed that the 93-year-old author has lost none of his intellectual brilliance and wit.

The play is a pretext for a long discussion on a host of subjects, including Socialism, religion, matrimony and mathematics.

The author is content to entertain the audience with the interplay of his ideas.

Shaw, who seldom leaves the seclusion of his country home at Ayot St Lawrence, Hertfordshire, was not there to acknowledge the plaudits of a big audience, but to everybody's delight the star of the play, Frances Day, produced an amazing likeness of him in the shape of a 50-centimetre puppet and made it bow and wave to the house.—Reuter.

Former Slovak Minister Held

New York, Aug. 14.—General Mikulas Ferjenecik, 44, former Slovak Minister of the Interior, was detained as a suspected Communist hero today on arrival from Europe as a displaced person.—Reuter.

Old Moore's Lifts Curtain For 1950

London, Aug. 14.—Old Moore's Almanac lifted the "Iron Curtain" of the future today and gave its millions of subscribers an advance peek at 1950.

It will be quite a year, according to the famed Almanac, which has been confidently predicting what comes ahead since Dr Francis Moore first published his "Prophetic Hieroglyphic Engravings" in 1897.

On the one hand, the soothsayers predict that there will be increasing incitement by Russia

assassinations in South America and attempted assassinations in Yugoslavia, India will be afame, and there will be trouble in Ireland over partition and similar conflicts.

On the other, there will be good crops, excellent food, prospects and a royal engagement or marriage. And if you bet in horses, watch an outsider carrying blue colours in the Cambridgeshire Handicap in October.

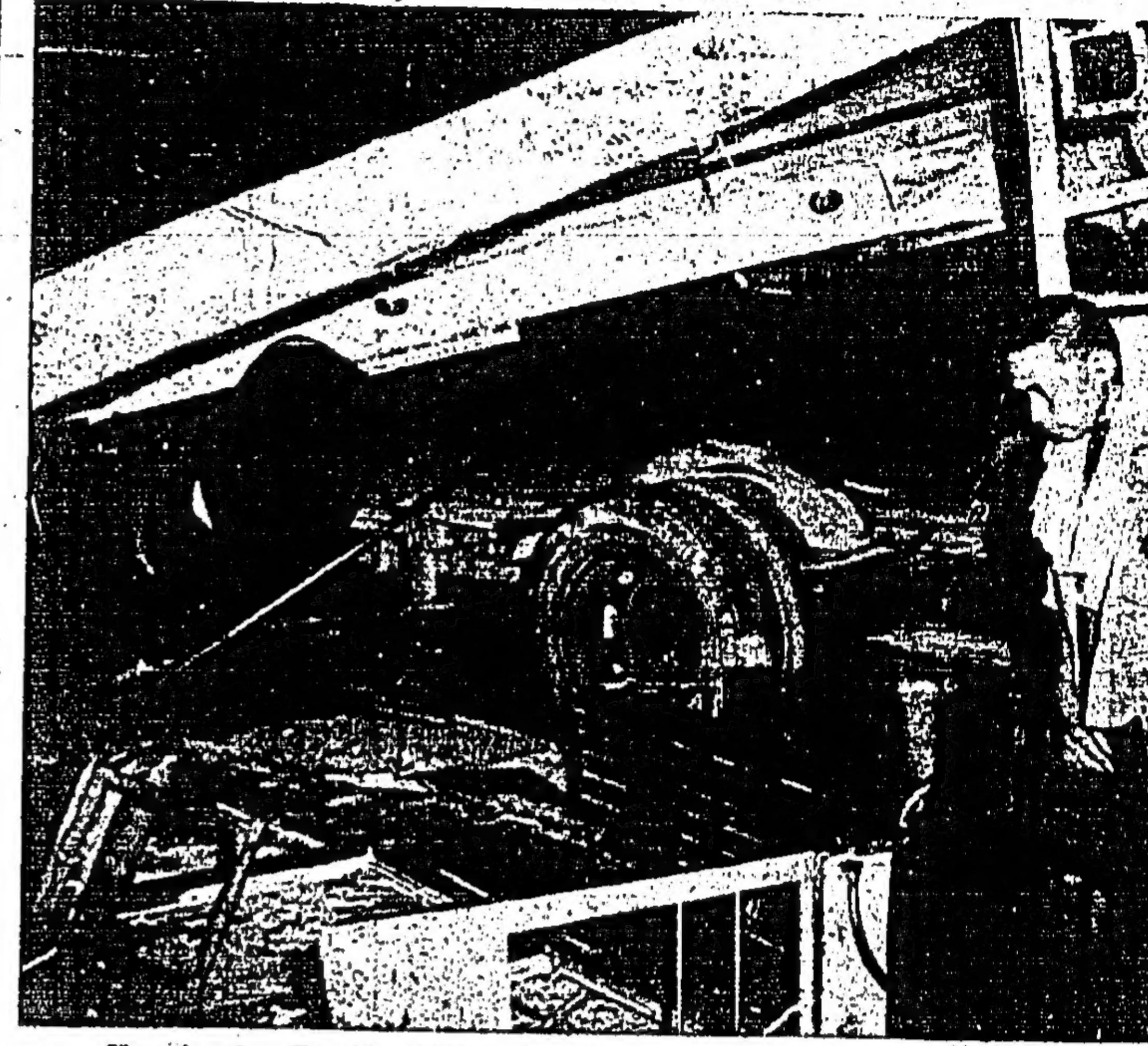
As usual Old Moore's is ready for the sceptics and scoffers who hint and sometimes state flatly that its prophecies are only guesswork.

YEAR OF ADJUSTMENT

This year it points out that

Forecast the winner of the 1949 Lincoln Handicap (Fair Judgment), that it predicted the recent Lynas Tribunal into alleged ministerial bribery, Hitler's seizure of Austria, the General Strike of May 1926 to Japan in August 1945, the ab-

Crashed Into Traffic Island



Here is what Bus No. 4602 looked like after it ran into a traffic island pillar at the junction of Argyle Street and Waterloo Road last night. Thirteen passengers were injured. One side of the bus was ripped open.

Hinnawi Organises New Syrian Regime

Damascus, Aug. 14.—Colonel Sami el Hinnawi and his new junta immediately plunged into the job of reshuffling the government today after taking over the country on the death of Colonel Husni el Zaim. El Zaim was shot today by a dissident Army faction which seized power in a lightning coup.

Syrians woke under their second government by a coup d'état in 138 days. The nation was reported calm. El Zaim, 54-year-old "strong man," himself came to power by a bloodless coup on March 30.

El Zaim reinstated all political parties dissolved by el Zaim and called a meeting of their leaders, dismissed the Chamber of Deputies and summoned those ousted by his predecessor, told two newspapers banned under the old regime they could resume publication immediately and

announced that he planned to

form a new civil Cabinet as soon as possible.

The coup was officially de-

scribed as completely internal

and "nothing to do with foreign policy." The Syrian Army received the coup "with enthusiasm" and the populace with "excessive joy," according to official accounts.

National life in the capital is continuing.

Colonel el Zaim was taken by a military escort directly to the Muza Citadel, 10 miles outside the capital, tried and shot. Colonel el Hinnawi, who com- manded the first column of the Syrian Army during the Palestine fighting, immediately proclaimed himself President and formed a military command to rule Syria "temporarily".

In a series of communiques, el Hinnawi described el Zaim as a "cheap dictator" and the Premier, Dr el Barazi who was shot with him—as a "traitor".

LEID BY ARMY

Informants said the coup was led by 10 high Army officers, all of whom had been close to Zaim until he gained power.

They seized several other offi-

cials with el Zaim and el Barazi at their homes shortly before 3 a.m., forcing them to surrender "after slight resistance."

It was understood el Zaim and el Barazi were shot within an hour after they were seized.

An announcement said a ten-

member Council would rule Syria temporarily. The Council in-

cluded Colonel Sami el

Hinnawi as President, and Com-

mander Bahij el Kallas, Cmdr.

Alamuddin of Jawwas,

Captain Mouhammed Marouf,

Cousin Mourywid, Khalid

Iadeh, Mahmoud Errifai, Mai-

diel, Dibab and Houssien el

Hil.

El Kallas formerly was el

Zaim's right-hand man, but

was sent to a minor command

in North Syria recently after a quarrel with him.—United Press.

OBLIGATIONS

London, Aug. 14.—Colonel Sami el Hinnawi, the new Syrian leader, has written to the British Government explaining his coup d'état today and assuring his regime's respect for Syrian international obli-

gations.

In London today it was con-

sidered too early to say how

the revolt would affect Middle

East politics. Though Col-

onel Zaim's Government was on good

terms with Egypt it was con-

sidered a threat by the two

Hashemite kingdoms of Iraq

and Transjordan.

Greek Resistance Heroine To Wed

Liverpool, Aug. 14.—Eleni

Paoma of Salonic, 26-year-old heroine of the Greek under-

ground movement, arrived

here today on the troopship

Empire Test on her way to

25-year-old Gordon

Dizzet of Linlithgow, West

Lothian, Scotland, whom she met in Salonic in 1947 when he was a British private.

Reuter.

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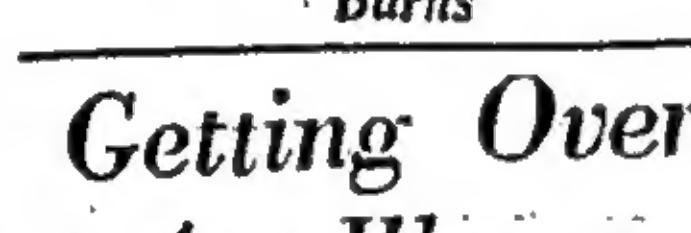
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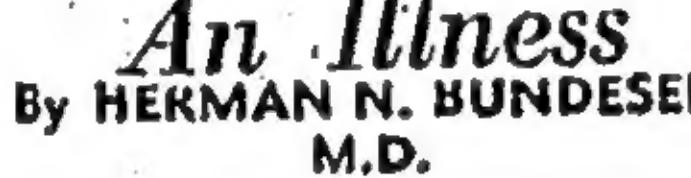
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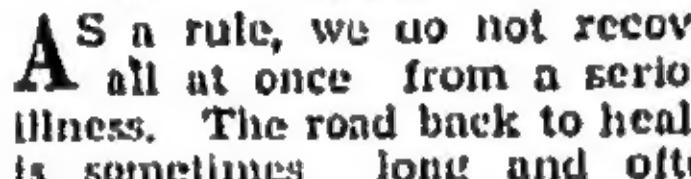
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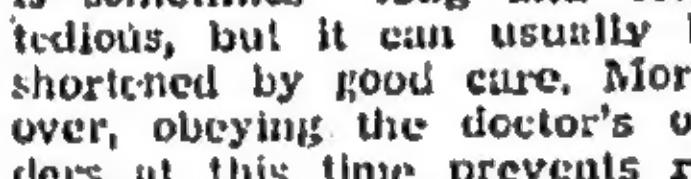
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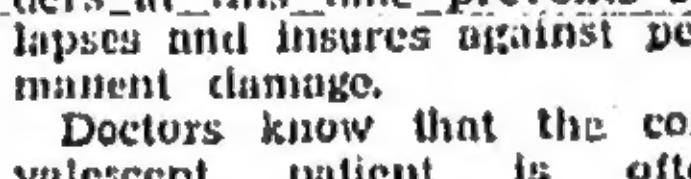
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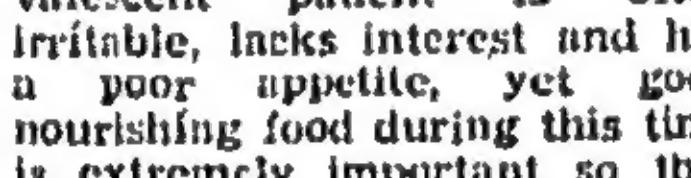
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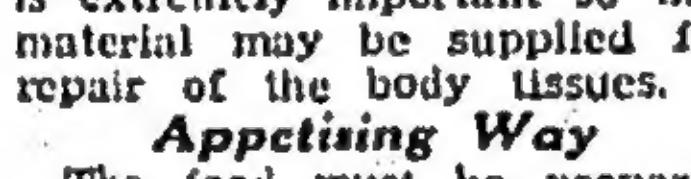
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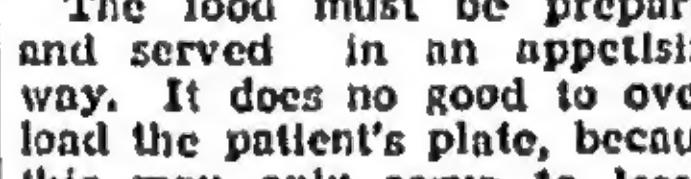
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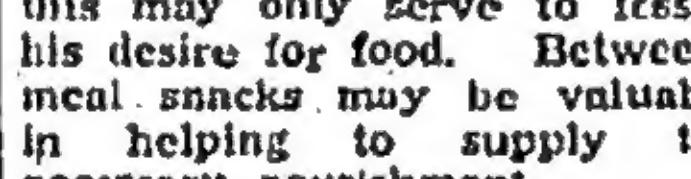
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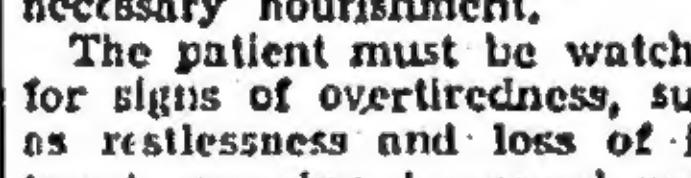
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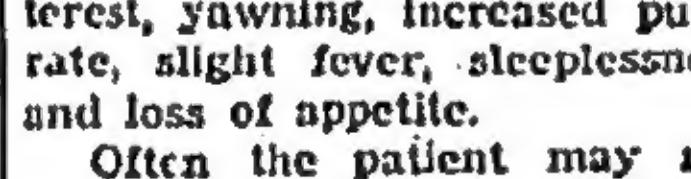
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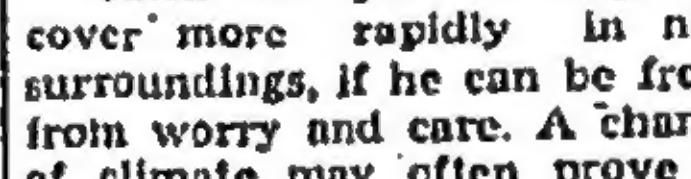
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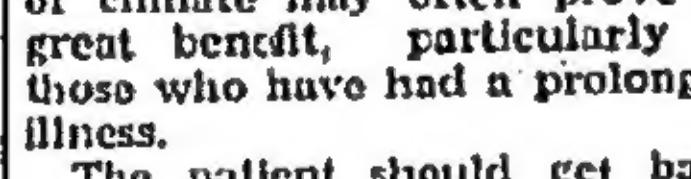
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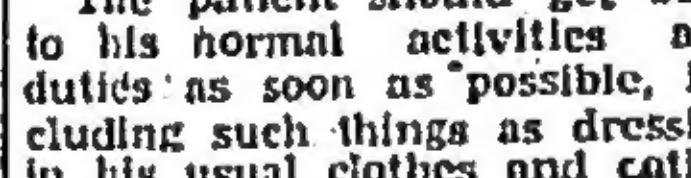
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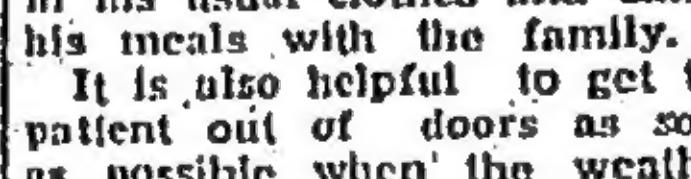
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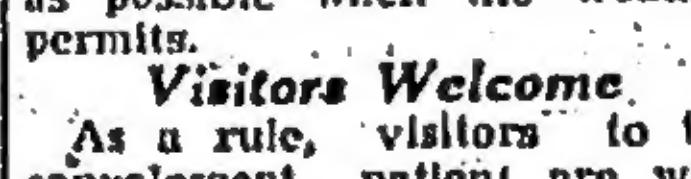
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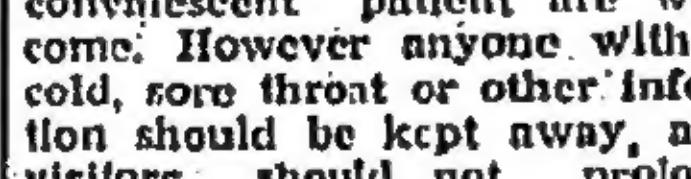
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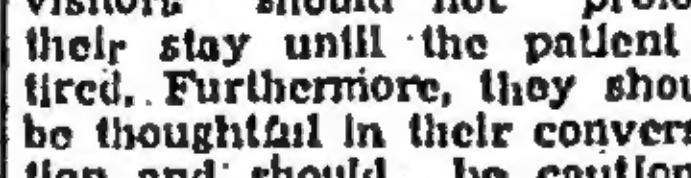
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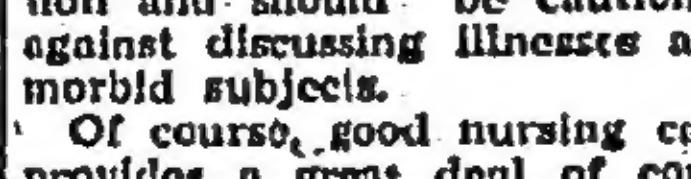
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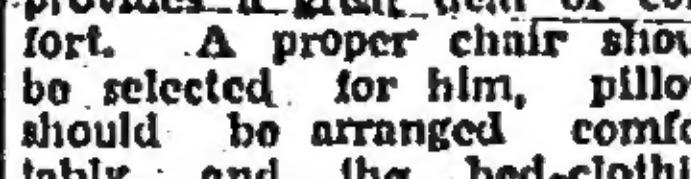
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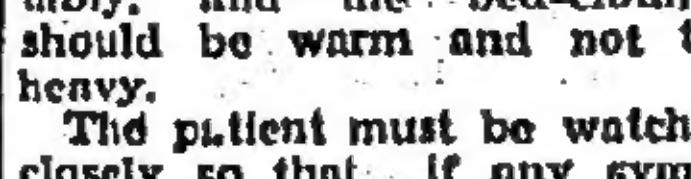
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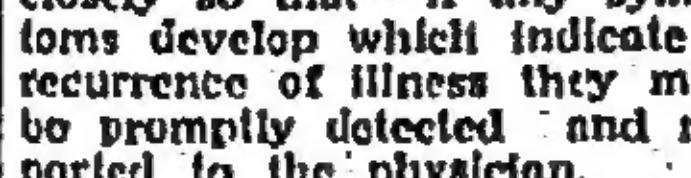
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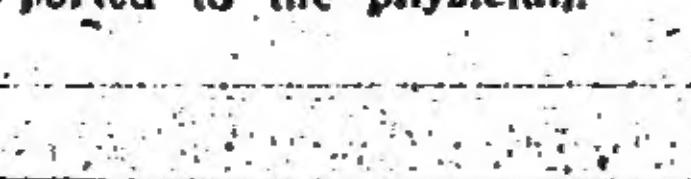
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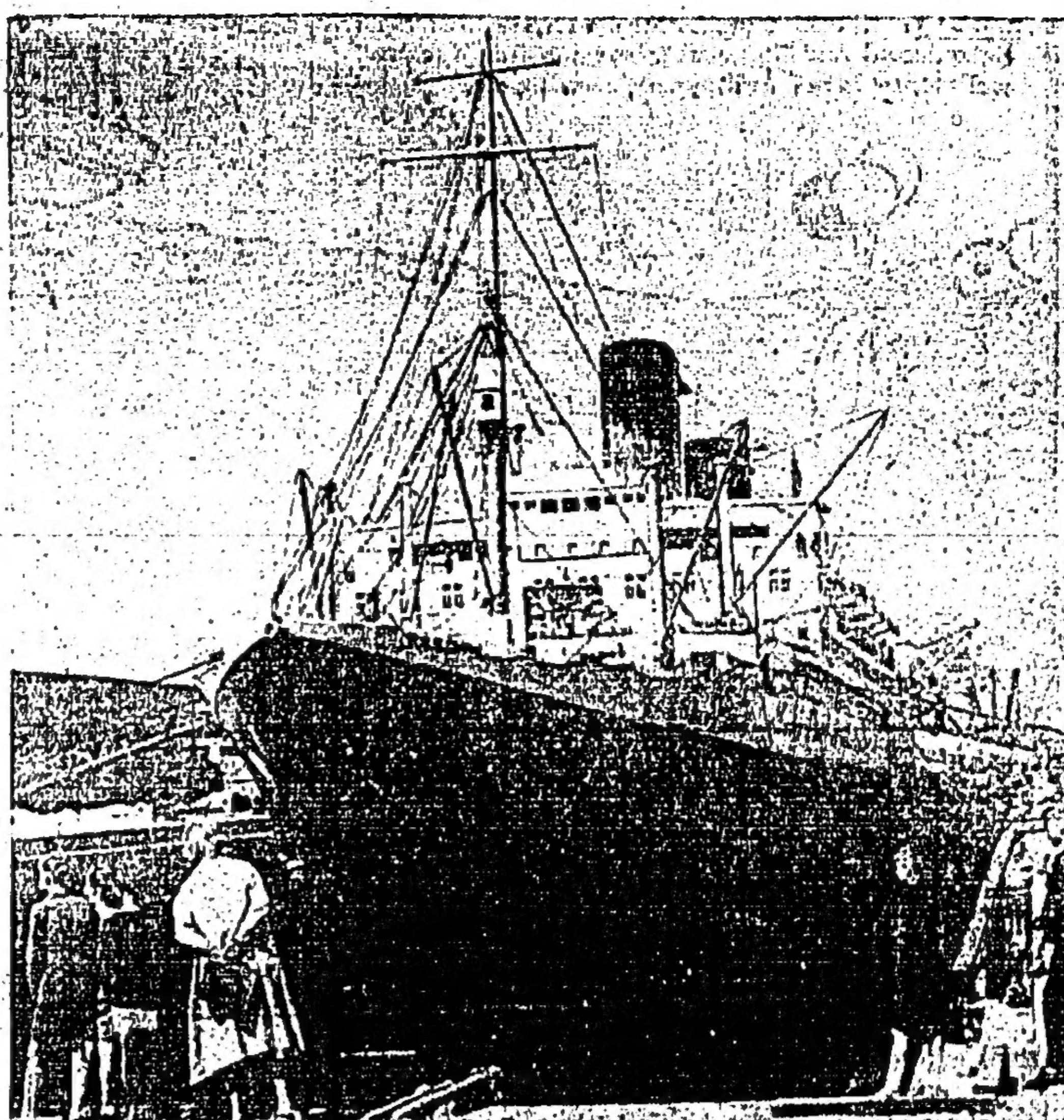


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PICTORIAL NEWSFRONT



TRAINING KOREAN SOLDIERS—A U. S. military advisory group is training the Korean security forces, at Pusan, to maintain the Republic's internal order. Shown is a Korean soldier in the native army receiving instructions from First Lt. Raymond Moore, left, of the U. S. Army, and Col. Chung Young, second from left, of the Korean Army.



ILE DE FRANCE SAILS AGAIN—Luxury liner Ile de France lies at anchor in Le Havre, France, before sailing for New York on her first post-war voyage. Used as a troop transport by the U. S. Army, the ship has been entirely refitted. Vincent Auriol, President of the French Republic, paid an official visit to the ship before she sailed.



LIGHT BUT SWIFT—Jockey Bobby Bernhardt, who won New York's biggest double of the season, at Jamaica, had to insert lead pieces to make up for his lack of weight. He is shown placing them in the blanket that goes under his saddle.



HOT ALL OVER—Even these kids in Berlin are feeling the heat. And they do what children everywhere do under the circumstances—head for the nearest cooling swimming hole.



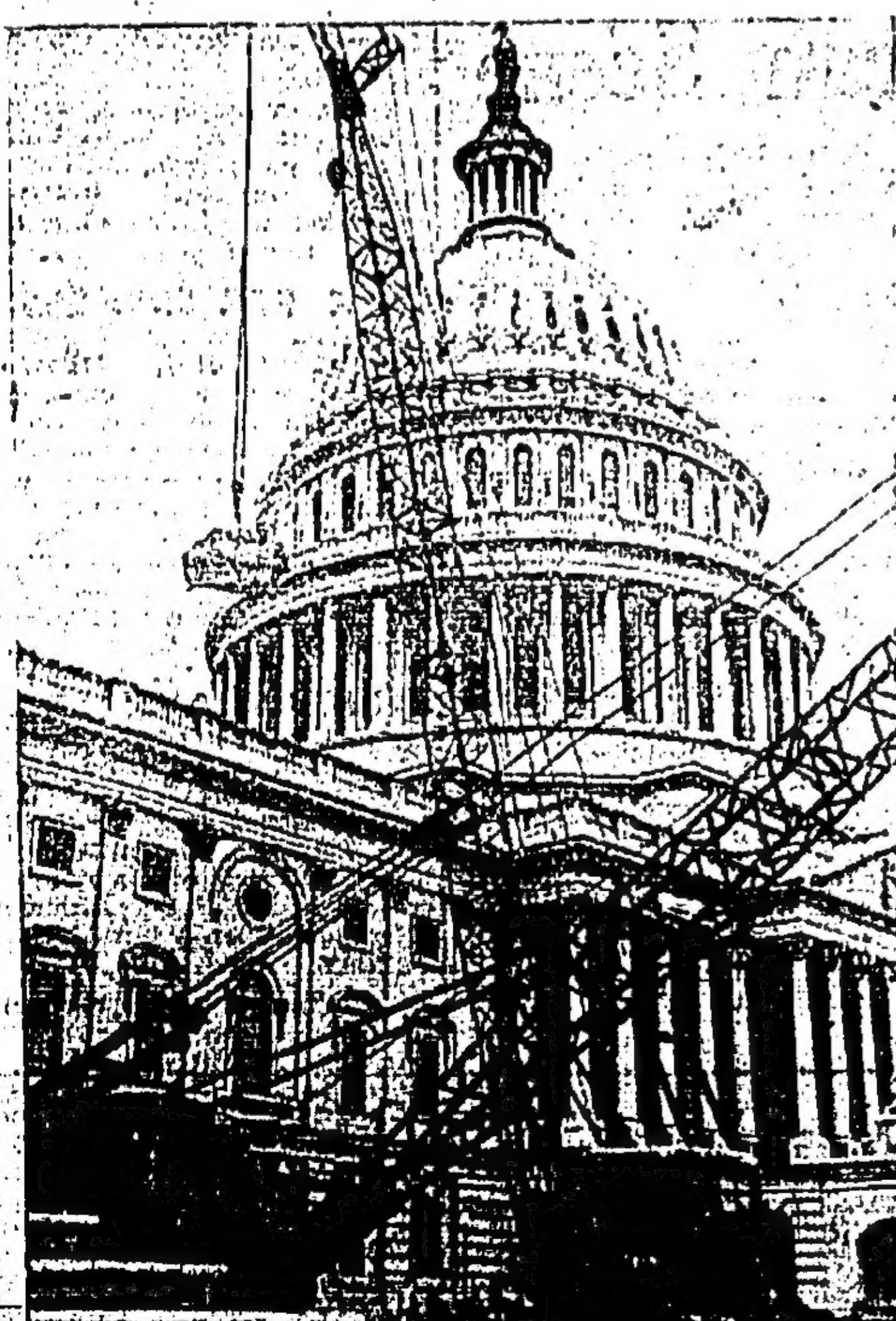
NICE TO SEE—Jep Zeigler, in Lakeland, Florida, is voted to be the most beautiful beach girl by the boys at Florida Southern College.



GOING TO A FIRE?—Stopped by Cynthia Carter in Monticello, New York, Police Louis Soccaro thought he'd hear that familiar question. But she only wanted to give him a courtesy citation from the Sullivan County Resort Council for consideration to motorists above and beyond the call of duty.



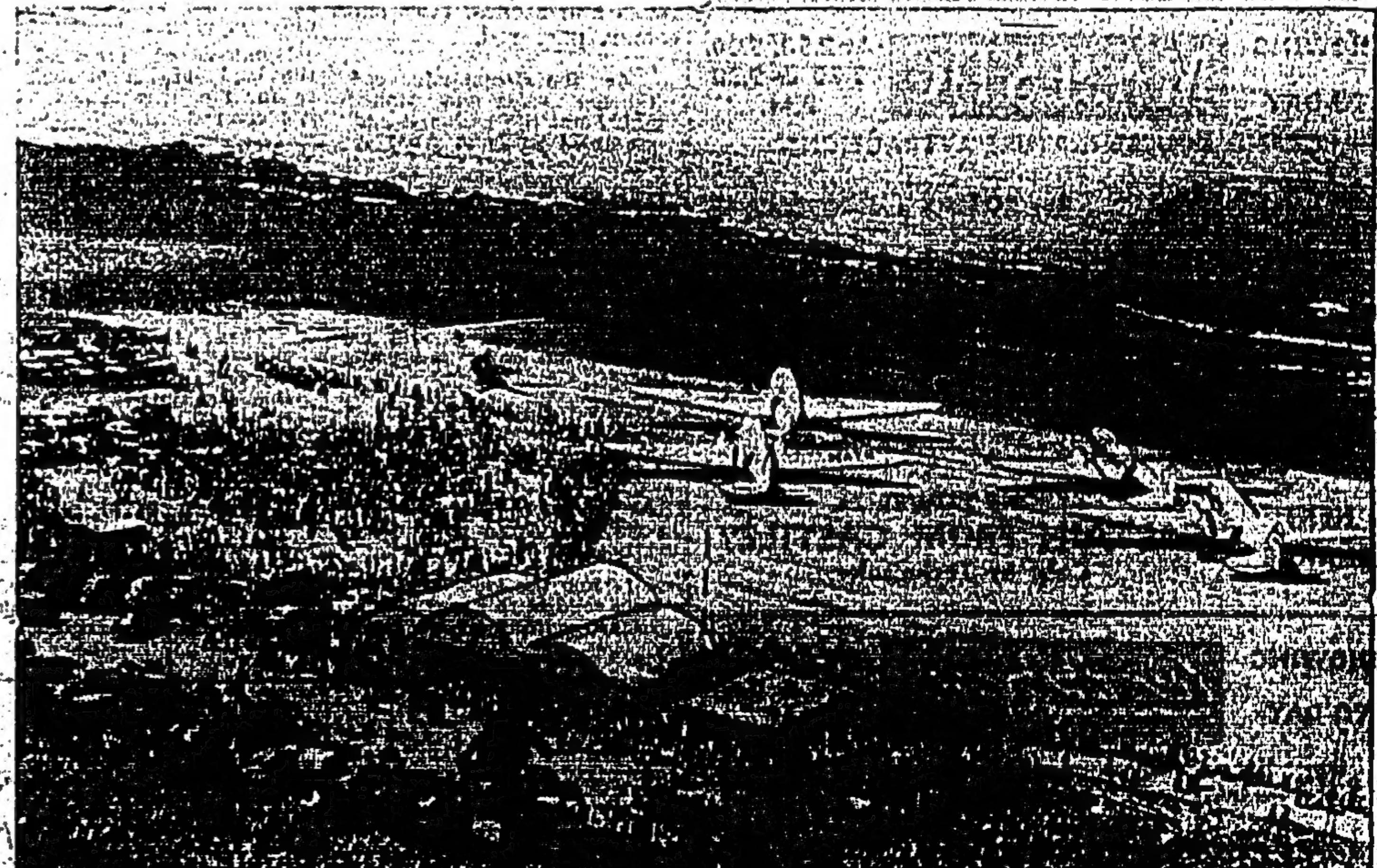
JOURNEY'S END NEAR—Pamela Ann de Stefano, three, and stewardess Patti Jordan become friends in San Francisco, California, before hopping off for Honolulu. The youngster was flying from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to join her father in Hawaii.



GETS NEW LOOK—While the Capitol chambers are being re-modelled, in Washington, D. C., Congress has moved into temporary quarters elsewhere. The cranes are being used in the renovation, conforming the physical growth of the Capitol to that of the American government.



MOTHER AND CHICK—Thousands of gannets are now congregating on Cape Kidnapper, near Auckland, New Zealand, for the mating season. Here close to the photographer, a mother and her chick are nesting on the rocky slope.



MODERN AIRFIELD ON SITE OF ANCIENT VILLAGE—This crowd is attending ceremonies for the opening of the new Kona Airport on the island of Hawaii. It is a territorial airport which occupies the site of an ancient Hawaiian village.

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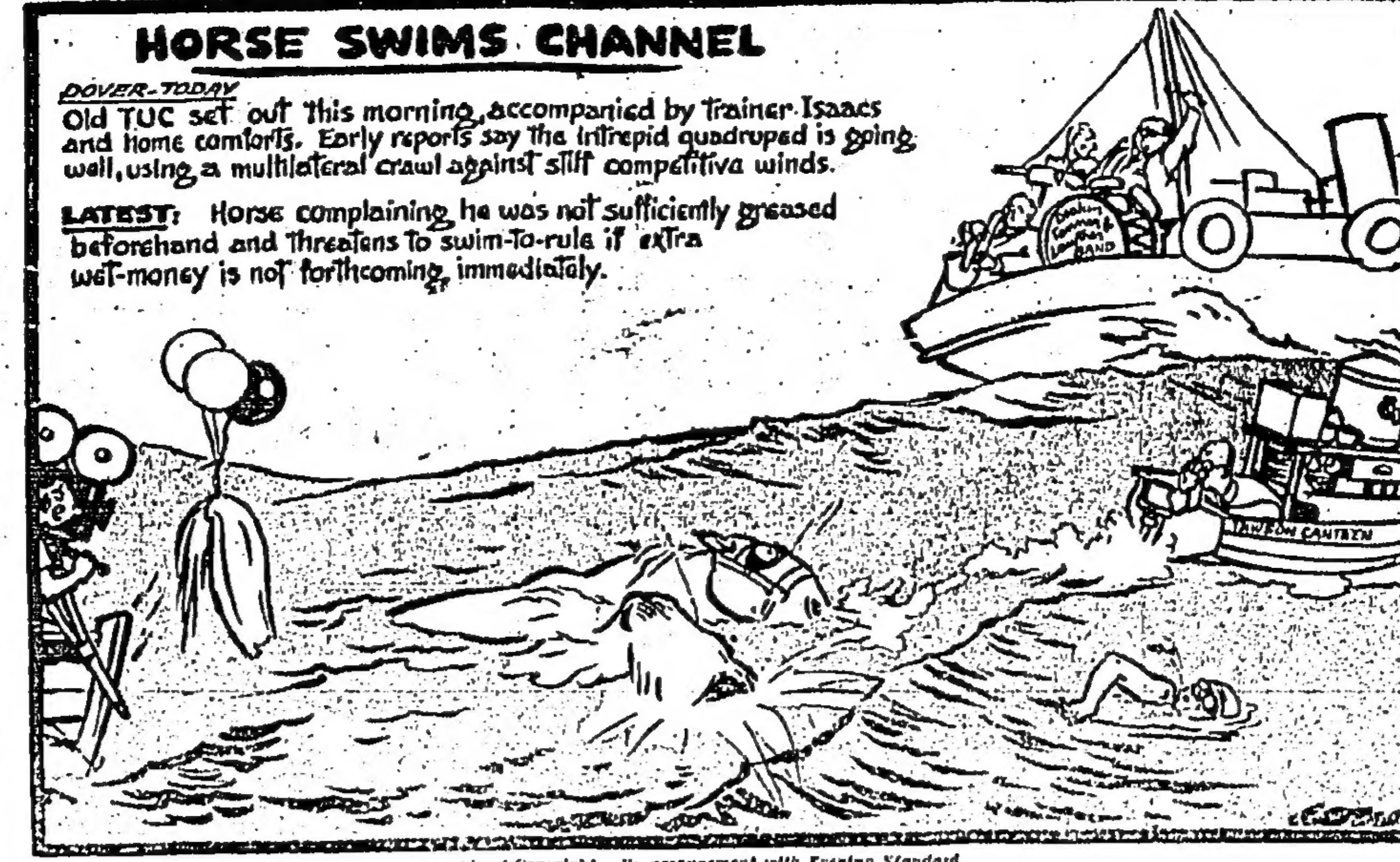
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HORSE SWIMS CHANNEL

DOVER-TODAY
Old TUC set out this morning, accompanied by Trainer Isaacs and home comforts. Early reports say the intrepid quadruped is going well, using a multilevel crawl against stiff competitive winds.

LATEST: Horse complaining he was not sufficiently greased beforehand and threatens to swim-to-rule if extra wet-money is not forthcoming immediately.

An avalanche of lava
wiping out homes

The inferno of the La Palma volcano

Volcanic eruptions lasting more than a month have wrought havoc on the island of La Palma, in the Canaries. Thousands of acres of fertile land—including the famous Malvoisie vineyards—have been ruined by the engulfing lava.

Here is an eye-witness report of the catastrophe.

By Fernando Mendez Ponte

I HAVE just come back from La Palma.

It is fascinating to watch the slow, almost majestic, sweep of the boiling lava streams across this beautiful island, crumbling houses and trees and рубли out farmlands.

The slow-motion destruction is terrifying as well as fascinating.

Round the corner of the hill I saw the red-and-black avalanche of lava coming toward me. I wanted to run from it.

Smell of sulphur

Then I realised that its movement was a ponderous, slow affair. I stayed to watch.

THERE WAS the hot smell of the sulphur and the rain of grey ash as the lava burned its way forward. I walked backwards, slowly giving way to the flood.

It was about four yards high, with a red-and-black centre formed of a semi-fluid substance, on top of which travelled a mass of rocks and stones, part slate colour, part red.

As the stream advanced the top rocks and stones fell. Plant life withered and crumpled yards in front of it.

The beautiful almond trees seemed to fall without any visible application of force.

AS I ROUNDED a ravine I saw the lava speed up to 30 yards a minute and at one point fall in a 50ft. cascade like an angry red waterfall.

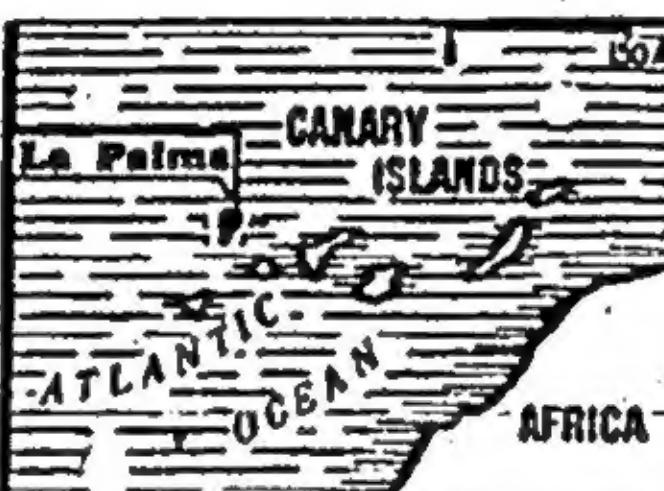
It filled the ravine like the waves of a heavy sea piling up slowly and forever rolling forward.

As the wind changed I had to move to avoid the suffocating heat.

I saw the lava cross the only road in this part of the island, cutting off all land



The slow stream of destruction crosses the road.



La Palma CANARY ISLANDS

ATLANTIC OCEAN AFRICA

The Spanish Government has sent the Minister of the Interior to the island. He distributed three million pesetas (£30,000) in cash on the spot and arranged for reconstruction and rehabilitation to begin.

The ground, trees, and vegetation became powdered with gritty grey dust.

When the lava first poured down, the mountains cracked and sent out a shower of ashes and smoke.

The river of lava which ran down into the sea is so wide and deep—1,500 ft. x 1,500 ft.—that there is a possibility of its being utilised for the purposes of a harbour, it is reliably reported.

(London Express Service)

The specialist in charge tells me that results to date are so good—"80 percent of the cases show definite improvement, the relief from pain being often quite dramatic"—that he already has it as a great step forward in the treatment of rheumatic ailments.

Inventor of the cream is Harley-street surgeon DR LOUIS MOSS, who has already used it in more than 1,000 cases.

Moss has freely published the formulae of his cream. It contains adrenalin—a liquid which relaxes over-tight muscles when absorbed through the skin.

C. V. R. Thompson Reports:

The American Scene

NEW YORK.
THE aspidistras in the strange-looking house in the suburbs of Dover, Massachusetts, have grown 15ins. since Christmas.

And in the same time Andrew, the four-year-old boy who lives with his parents in the house, has shot up seven inches.

THAT NIGHT we felt the most severe earthquake the island had known, and flames 60ft. high leaped from the volcano. They lit up the entire island.

Over 1,500 people have been evacuated as a result of the eruptions, and some 1,200 of these have been totally ruined, according to reliable reports.

IT IS stated that the material damage is estimated to exceed £15 million pesos (£150,000), and that more than 1,000 hectares (2,470 acres) of "very fertile land" has been ruined.

These facts have led Dr Marie Telkes, designer of the house, to claim that she has built the world's healthiest home.

The main reason is that its temperature is constant all the year. In the winter the average was 74 degrees.

And last month, although the thermometer outside was at 100 degrees day after day, the indoor thermometer averaged 75.

It is all done with mirrors—house-wide long mirrors under the eaves to trap sunshine—and a cheap chemical.

The CHAPMAN PINCHER Column

Now who left the SECRET PLANS on view . . .

This action is based on a discovery made ten years ago by DR MICHAEL GOOD, another London specialist, that the pain of many forms of rheumatism especially fibrositis and lumbago, comes from specially sensitive spots in the muscles.

Once a doctor or physiotherapist has found the spots—which are often far from where the pain appears to be—a rub with adrenalin seems to clear up the trouble.

TROUT MENACE

★ WORST natural enemy of the British salmon anglers' sport, doing far more damage than the hungry otter and pike, is the much-pampered trout.

Government "fishery" expert W. J. M. MENZIES claims, in a few hours' hunting over gravelly spawning beds an 8oz. trout may eat up to 200 salmon eggs.

"Looked at dispassionately trout may be the worst of all vermin," Menzies writes, in his carefully documented book, "The Stock of Salmon" (Arnold, £s).

My own emotional reaction suggests that the attitude of the average trout angler to this remark will be anything but dispassionate.

QUARRY MYSTERY

★ A NEW scientific plant scattered over tiny, treeless Easter Island in mid-Pacific comes from U.S. archaeologist PROFESSOR WERNER WOLF.

How the natives moved the 50-ton statues from a quarry sited in a volcanic crater without the help of wooden scaffolding or rollers has long been a mystery.

Now Wolf claims an answer—the natives rough-hewed the statues in the crater and waited for an eruption to throw them out. The blocks were then set up where they fell.

This theory explains: (1) why the quarry was sited in the crater, (2) how some of the statues got into place inaccessible even with modern equipment, (3) their disorder.

Wolf says it also explains why there are 157 half-finished heads on the island—the volcano erupted more violently than the sculptors bargained for, so they left in a hurry, and for good.

SWEET, SWEETER

WITH a sweetening power 400 times stronger than sugar, saccharin has long been the sweetest commercial chemical known. Now Dutch scientists have produced a synthetic sweetener ten times stronger.

One teaspoonful of the new stuff, which is called propoxy-nitraniline will replace 4lb. of sugar in the manufacture of jams and confectionery, the scientists threaten.

NERVOUS?

★ When a monkey is injected with a shred of its own nerve tissue, it rapidly develops nervous disorders scientists from New York's Neurological Institute excitedly report.

Question the doctors are now asking is: Are some human brain diseases really "allergies" caused by people becoming sensitised to their own nervous systems?

O.K. FOR SHYNESS

★ DR ROBERT HUGHES PARRY, medical professor at Bristol University, speaks on this there are more red faces among the progressive psychologists than among his co-ed students. For the foundation of his advice to all adolescents, including his own four children is simply "Don't be afraid to shy."

BIRD TRAVELLER

★ PROOF that the blackbird is not as parochial as his regular hoppings on the lawn suggest comes from the British Bird-Ringing Committee. A blackbird fitted with a numbered leg-band at Alnmouth (Northumberland) turned up in Norway.

—(London Express Service)

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Austerity Keynote Of Indian Celebrations

SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE

Bombay, Aug. 14.—Austerity will be the keynote of the second anniversary of India's Independence tomorrow.

There will be no illuminations, no large-scale decorations, no fire-crackers, such as marked the first Independence Day celebrations two years ago.

Instead, there will be tree planting, ploughing up of wasteland, and the inauguration of vegetable gardens, aimed at making India self-supporting in food, by 1951.

The Indian Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru's anniversary call to the nation is "Work".

In an Independence Day message, he said that the third year of independence would end the period of transition and herald the birth of the Indian Republic "for which many of us have laboured throughout our lives."

India's first need was food production. "Unless we are self-sufficient in food, we remain dependent on others," he said.

Churchill Day In Strasbourg

"Winnie" To Receive Freedom Of City

Strasbourg, Aug. 14.—Tomorrow will be Churchill Day in Strasbourg.

Britain's veteran statesman, here as one of the main architects of the new Europe, is to receive the freedom of the City for the part he played in freeing Strasbourg from the Nazis.

At noon, in the beautiful 18th century City Hall, the Mayor, M. Charles Frey, surrounded by his Municipal Councillors, will present Mr Churchill with a diploma making him "a citizen of honour".

Today the local press reflected the popularity, amounting almost to adulation, with which the British wartime leader's name is held in this age-old city of many wars.

The newspaper *Dernières Nouvelles D'Alsace* pushed yesterday's proceedings of the Council of Europe into a corner and "splashed" a portrait of Mr Churchill on the front page, overprinted with a large blue "V". The heading read, "Bonnie Chance, Citizen Winston Churchill" ("Good Luck, Citizen Winston Churchill").

The article, recalling his famous speeches, declared, "Strasbourg considers him as one of her sons."—Reuter.

CITY DESERTED

Strasbourg, Aug. 14.—Strasbourg seat of the first Parliament of Europe was a deserted city today.

The excitement of last week's inaugural meetings has vanished as Strasbourgers celebrate the Feast of the Assumption, which this year falls on a Monday and is being observed with a festive long week-end.

Many of the 101 delegates to the Assembly dispersed to the countryside, some joined a conducted tour to the famous annual wine fair at Colmar and others motored to surrounding beauty spots for lunch.

The Foreign Ministers of the Council of Europe Cabinet began leaving for home today after approving the agenda for the Assembly.

At their final meeting last night the Foreign Ministers accepted the agenda sent to them earlier in the day by the Assembly.

It includes the main headings for general discussion proposed by the Ministers themselves—economic, social and cultural—plus such items as the consideration of a European passport, a European patent office and collaboration in scientific research and technical development suggested by the representatives.

MAIN DEBATES

When the Assembly begins its main debates on Tuesday it will launch immediately into the only general political resolution accepted by the Foreign Ministers who, by the Charter of the Council, have the last say in fixing the agenda.

This resolution, sponsored by Mr Winston Churchill, calls for consideration of any necessary changes in the political structure of Europe to achieve a greater unity between members of the Council of Europe.

Mr Churchill may make the "big speech" he is known to be planning during this debate, which is expected to last over two sessions.

Celebration For Ethel Barrymore

70 TO-DAY

Hollywood, Aug. 14.—Miss Ethel Barrymore, now the first lady of the screen as well as the stage, will have a world wide celebration of her 70th birthday tomorrow.

She is to be feted in an international broadcast in which Bing Crosby will sing "Happy Birthday".

President Truman will say a few words of greeting and best wishes will be added by such figures as Eleanor Roosevelt, Bernard Baruch, Somerset Maugham, Van Johnson, Katherine Cornell, Alfred Lunt, Joan Fontaine, Billie Burke, Gregory Peck and Miss Barrymore's young grandson.

The Motion Picture Academy, which is arranging the show, was also trying to reach Winston Churchill for a message to his old friend.

Although Miss Barrymore has never seen herself on the screen—"Why should I? I never saw myself on the stage"—she likes to see films and enjoys watching the younger players.

Two of her favourites are Jeanne Crain and Robert Walker. She disliked the screen version of Hamlet and referred to Sir Laurence Olivier as "Gorgeous George."—Associated Press.

First German Election

(Continued from Page 1)

clue of 907 inhabitants, entirely surrounded by Switzerland.

The Buesingen enclave, located four miles inside the Swiss border, belongs economically to Switzerland but is linked politically and administratively to Germany through the main electrical grid and postoffice. The town's election will select the representatives for the new Federal Parliament from a list of five candidates standing in the Constance district. The Buesingen Burgomaster confessed: "I really don't even know who the candidates are."

SCHUMACHER & ERHARD

Hanover, Aug. 14.—Kurt Schumacher, one-armed, one-legged chief of the Social Democrats, and Ludwig Erhard, leader of the Christian Democrats, won seats today in the first postwar German Parliament.

He pledged "never willingly nor wantonly" to shed a drop of Korean blood" except to repulse an invader from beyond our borders or to resist and keep under control misled Koreans who listen to the false voice of Communism and seek to overthrow our Government by violence".

President Rhee was flanked by members of his Cabinet on the dais.

He said Korean security and stability had steadily improved during the first critical year despite difficulties.

Korea, he added, had succeeded in interweaving the traditions of 4,000 years of history with modern democratic theory into a solid fabric of successful government.—Reuter.

LATEST RETURNS

Frankfurt, Aug. 14.—Incomplete returns from 158 of West Germany's 242 election districts gave the following totals:

Christian Democrats 137,762, Social Democrats 91,352, Free Conservative Democrats 340,008, Communists 141,083, other parties 112,840, Independents 91,099.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith

London, Aug. 14.—Britain today sweltered in another heat-wave.

The temperature in London—27.8 degrees Centigrade in the shade—was the month's highest.

Londoners poured out of the city to the countryside, and to seaside resorts.

There were big queues at railway stations, but relief trains got all the trippers away.

Dry, sunny weather is expected to continue for some days.—Reuter.

Egyptian Court In Mourning

Cairo, Aug. 14.—King Farouk ordered the Egyptian Court into mourning for three days from tomorrow over the execution of the Syrian President, Husni Zaim.

Zaim had established most cordial relations with Egypt and last week presented King Farouk with the "Wissam Ormiya", the highest Syrian decoration.

The Minister of State, Mohammed Hashem Bey, told reporters tonight that Egypt would propose postponement of the Arab League Political Committee's meeting which is due next Saturday.—Reuter.

Crew Saved From Burning Schooner

Halifax, Aug. 14.—Fire raged on board the Portuguese fishing schooner Julia Quarto, today about 100 miles southeast of Cape Race, Newfoundland, but all her crew were saved.

The captain of the 470-ton Portuguese motor ship Maria Frederico radioed that he picked up all crew members of the fishing boat. The message gave full details.—United Press.

32 Killed In S. America Crash

Bogota, Colombia, Aug. 14.—Thirty-two people—29 passengers and a crew of three—were killed yesterday when their plane crashed in the Andes, it was learned today.

The captain of the 470-ton Portuguese motor ship Maria Frederico radioed that he picked up all crew members of the fishing boat. The message gave full details.—United Press.

"I meet so many boys in summer I don't have time to write about them in my diary—if I'm in love I won't realise it till autumn!"

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Indonesian Leaders Reach Holland

Optimistic Over Hague Conference

Sohipol, (Holland) Aug. 14.—Among the arrivals here from Indonesia today for the forthcoming round-table conference on Indonesia was Mr Anak Agung, East Indonesian Premier and Vice-Chairman of the Indonesian Federalist Convention.

Speaking on the future status of Dutch New Guinea, Mr Agung emphasized that this territory should remain part of Indonesia. "On this and all other points the Federalist and Indonesian Republicans had agreed at the recent Indonesian conference," he added.

Mr Agung was very hopeful that agreement would speedily be reached on the programme drawn up at the inter-Indonesian conference.

"The faster sovereignty is transferred, the sooner we can begin with the definite building up of Indonesia," he declared.

Other arrivals today were Dr R. Sudjito, leader of the Central Java delegation, the Republican Ministers Without Portfolio, Mr Djundanda and Mr Sukiman, and

Mr Tan Po Goan, representing the Chinese population groups.

Another passenger in today's plane from Indonesia was Dr Tungku Mansur, head of State of East Sumatra, who is attending the conference as an observer.

He expressed great optimism about the results of the recent inter-Indonesian conference, saying that these would lead to the "complete unity of Indonesia".

Dr Mansur was also optimistic about the outcome of the forthcoming conference, on the ground that mutual distrust between Dutch and Indonesians had largely disappeared. But he warned that both sides would have to show "the spirit of give and take".—Reuter.

18 Ships Tied Up In Strike

Jap Ships Held By Chinese

Report To SCAP

Tokyo, Aug. 15.—An armed Chinese vessel captured two 75-ton Japanese fishing vessels about 200 miles east of Shanghai on August 7, according to Japanese reports to occupation headquarters today.

The owners of the Japanese boats, the Taiyo Fishing Company, Shimonoseki, reported that the ships and the 12 men aboard each were being held by the Chinese at the port of Tsinhai, on Chusan Island.

The Japanese were unable to say whether the captors were Chinese, Nationalists or Communists.

Chusan Island is well within the Communist lines, but the Nationalists are operating a blockade at the mouth of the Yangtze.

SCAP sources here presumed that the captors were Nationalists or pirates, since there have been no indications thus far of Communist vessels operating off the China Coast.

The owners of the vessels did not reveal how they learned the details of the capture. Presumably smugglers or other fishing boats brought the reports to Shimonoseki.

The report stated that the Japanese ships were just inside the "MacArthur Line" set as the limit for Japanese fishing in the East China Sea.—Associated Press.

Only those engaged in the shipping business are now allowed access to the berths.

Congestion at the port has increased since wharf work stopped on Thursday as a result of water-side workers refusing to do night overtime.

Eighteen overseas ships were held up today. Over 7,000 tons of cargo was awaiting charge.—Reuter.

Radio Hongkong

HK 1: "Hong Kong Calling"; 6.02, "Children's Story"; 6.30, "Spider-Man"; 6.50, "Swingtime"; 7.15, "Hospital Request"; 7.45, "House"; 8.15, "Portuguese Girl"; 8.45, "Piano Concerto"; 9.15, "Linda Carter"; 9.45, "Like What I Like"; 10.15, "Duke Ellington"; 10.45, "John Coltrane"; 11.15, "Weather Report"; 11.45, "News".

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AUSTRALIA ELIMINATES ITALY FROM DAVIS CUP

New York, Aug. 14.—Australia today eliminated Italy in the Inter-Zone Davis Cup finals, by winning the Doubles, 2-6, 6-2, 6-2, 6-1.

The Aussies overwhelmed the Italians in the last set of the Doubles after a 16-minute intermission and won the first five games before Gianni Cucelli scored on his own service to avert a love set.

Frank Sedgman (Australia) opened the set with a love victory on service and the Aussies broke Cucelli in the next game on a sharp forehand by Sedgman and placement by Jack Broinwich.

Broinwich had served on an ador by Marcello Del Bello and then the Aussies broke Del Bello as the Italians lost all control of their game.

The Australian victory gave the Aussies the right to challenge the United States on August 26-28. It is the sixth year in a row that the Aussies have been in the challenge round.

Sedgman was today's star, since both victories were achieved almost single-handed by him. He won his Singles from Del Bello and then was a decisive factor in the Doubles.

POOR FORM

Bromwich was in bad form, the loss of the first set to Italy was chargeable almost entirely to Bromwich's errors which outweighed Sedgman's fine play.

Bromwich regained some semblance of his old skill for the remainder of the match and this, coupled with Sedgman's aggressive game, crumpled the Italians, who showed inability to come through in the clutch.

The Australians were far superior at the net and in the overhead game and this power kept Italy from a sustained offensive.

The Italians seemed tired and did not make serious efforts to retrieve all shots. Sedgman was far more fresh at the end of the day's play than Del Bello and even the 31-year-old Bromwich was stronger than Cucelli during the match.

Sedgman beat Marcello del Bello earlier today, 6-0, 6-4, 6-3, to give Australia a 2-0 lead.

Bill Sidwell (Australian) beat Cucelli last night in the first Singles match, 6-2, 6-2, 6-2, 6-2.

The weather today was cool and the sky was partly cloudy. Sedgman won the first and second sets as Del Bello had difficulty in controlling his strokes.

Sedgman broke Del Bello's service in the first game and dominated the play all the way. Del Bello made two double faults in the first game and then committed the first of many errors off his backhand.

Sedgman's service was far stronger than the Italian's. Del Bello, apparently somewhat nervous, was not able to control his forehand and his backhand.

MCC Coaching Scheme

London, Aug. 14.—The Marylebone Cricket Club's ambitious scheme to improve coaching and playing conditions for young cricketers has been carried a step further by the setting up of an advisory committee to consider the welfare of English cricket.

The Committee, numbering 33, comprises representatives from nearly every national body in any way connected with playing pitches and youth movements.

Every possible source, from public schools, playing fields to public park pitches, will be embraced by the scheme.

The Committee will consider the provision of suitable artificial pitches, better grounds and methods of mass coaching. The MCC are deferring all preliminary expenses and the first meeting may be early in October.

Mr Harry Altham, Chairman of the "Steering Committee," who did all the groundwork, stated that the success of the undertaking must in the long run depend on the teachers.

The Ministry of Education have agreed to make a grant, "when a requirement for this purpose arises."

While every effort will be made to expedite the formation of a national plan, it is realised that progress must be gradual. The effect of this scheme is not likely to be felt for some years, but it may well produce some players who will make their mark in the game.—Reuter.

SPORTING SAM



London Express Service

By Reg. Wootton

Henry Cotton Explains Why He Stepped Down

British golf personality No. 1, Henry Cotton, was on his way to his school at Monte Carlo, feeling regret that he is stepping down from the Ryder Cup contest and further competitive golf this season, but with a belief that he is doing the right thing.

Said Cotton: "I am expected to be on the top line, but I have not had the competitive practice this season, and it would be hard to give. The only way to play is with the feeling to win. With the standard so high, that means hard work. I feel that some of the younger men should have a chance."

"I am returning in August and hope to watch the Boys' championship, and of course, the Ryder Cup match at Ganton."

As I have already indicated, Cotton is entering a new place. At 42, with a place among the gods' immortals through his third-time win in the "Open," he can be excused if he is not so ready to face the stress and strain of further events. He has become the Business Golfer, and writer of one of the game's best sellers.

Nevertheless, Cotton's inclusion in the Ryder Cup team would have been a big asset. Wherever James Goodfellow has found American golfers gathered in this country, he has found them giving recognition to Cotton's ability.

Many spectators at Sandwich said he should have been playing in the "Open." But, said Henry, "I was playing in the Open 21 years ago!"

RISING' GOLFERS

There is a stirring at the headquarters of women's golf. An Australian women's team comes here in May and a Curtis Cup-side goes to the United States later. So eyes are on the 1950 money box. An international match fund must be built up.

Outstanding woman golfer of the year is Frances Stephens, who at 24 is British, English and French champion. One wonders if she will be greeted by song when she leads a team at St. Anne's against the Vaudeville Golf Society in aid of the international fund. Among her opponents is Donald Peers.

TAKEN FOR GRANTED

Rugby, either out of season or on a Sunday, requires special sanction from the Rugby Union. But not Metropolitan Police for their match against the Paris Police at Imber Court next year.

They will play on the last Sunday in the season and, as the previous Sunday match here two years ago was sanctioned, there is no point in making a further application.

The visitors, regular Sunday players at home, will find this arrangement will fit in very well.

They will arrive on Friday night, watch the "Sevens" final at Twickenham on the Saturday, play on Sunday and then off.

These matches are played here and at Paris alternately. Last year Metropolitan Police won over there. Now they have a new captain, 27-year-old Welch.

Rower Honoured

Amsterdam, Aug. 13.—The International Olympic Committee have accepted the proposal of the International Rowing Federation to honour the famous British sculler, Jack Beresford with the Olympic Diploma of Credit.

Beresford competed in five Olympic games and won three gold and two silver medals. He is the second sportsman to receive the diploma, the first being Paul Martin, the Swiss athlete.—Reuter.

BEATEN BY TWO

I am asked whether any batsman in English first-class cricket has made more runs in a day than Jack Robertson's 331, not out, against Worcestershire.

Yes, R. S. Duleep Singh, Sussex v. Northants Hove 1930-33.

GATEMAN'S DAY

Fred Sayers, 61, cricket ball maker and head gateman for Kent County Club, had the "day of his life," at Canterbury on August Bank Holiday—day of his benefit collection, after 48 years' service with the club.

Miss Walsh, who has starred on the track for 22 years, and competed in two Olympic Games besides holding numerous world and national records, failed by less than a yard to win the 200 metres.—Reuter.

WALCOTT KNOCKS OUT TANDBERG IN FIFTH ROUND

Stockholm, Aug. 14.—Jersey Joe Walcott today knocked out the Swedish Heavyweight Champion, Ole Tandberg, in the fifth round of their scheduled 12-round bout.

Walcott had made two unsuccessful bids to deprive Joe Louis of the World Heavyweight Championship and then lost an American version of the title to Ezzard Charles recently.

Though Walcott was nearly a stone lighter at 13 stone, 12 pounds, compared with Tandberg's 14 stone 1½, the American was always the master.

Walcott opened cautiously, whereas Tandberg was unusually aggressive, but the American landed a couple of right hooks and then the Swede came off the ropes to run into another right hook.

Tandberg rallied with body blows to make the first round even but was shaken in round two by more blows to the head.

Tandberg tried to rush his opponent in the third round, but Walcott held him off and towards the end of this round sent Tandberg down for a count of eight with a right hook, followed by a left to the jaw.

The Swede was obviously worried in the fourth round, but he came out for the fifth as if looking for an opening for a knockout.

Kearns had said that the fight was definitely on and the signing of articles would be a mere formality.

Kearns added that if Maxim Mills, he would meet Ezzard Charles early next year.

There is possibility that Ray Robinson will defend his world welterweight title in London this year or early 1950.

Robinson enabled Jack Solomons, offering to defend his title on September 6, which was the original date for the Woodcock-Savold fight, but Solomons had already planned a tournament at Hursley for that night, and the London promoter said that he prefers to wait and see how the welterweight position in England sorts itself out before bringing Robinson over.

"All the Americans want to go in London and far from showing a decline it looks like being the biggest boxing season Britain has ever had," he commented.—Reuter.

Springboks Beat All Blacks

Johannesburg, Aug. 13.—The South African Rugby Union team, the Springboks, today beat the New Zealand All Blacks by 12 points (two tries, penalty goal and a dropped goal)—to 6—(a penalty goal and a dropped goal) at Ellis Park here.

A crowd of 70,000, the biggest ever to attend a sporting event in the Union, watched South Africa gained a 2-0 lead in the Test series. They had won the first by 15 points to 5.

The Springboks had rather the better of a great struggle between two heavy packs, while their back line got going more often than the All Blacks.

New Zealand scored first with a penalty goal by Bob Scott, their full back, but South Africa levelled the scores within a few minutes through a penalty goal by A. Germi.

An unconverted try by H. Brewis gave the Springboks a lead of six points to three, at halftime.

They increased their advantage when T. Latapen crossed an unconverted try. Now New Zealand replied five minutes later with a dropped goal by J. Kearney, but Brewis then got a similar score for South Africa to end the scoring.—Reuter.

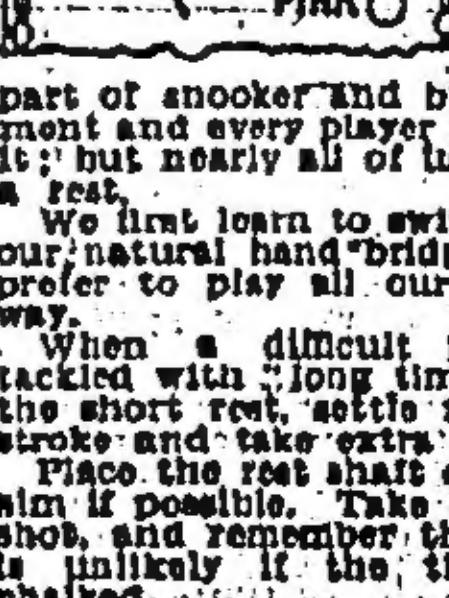
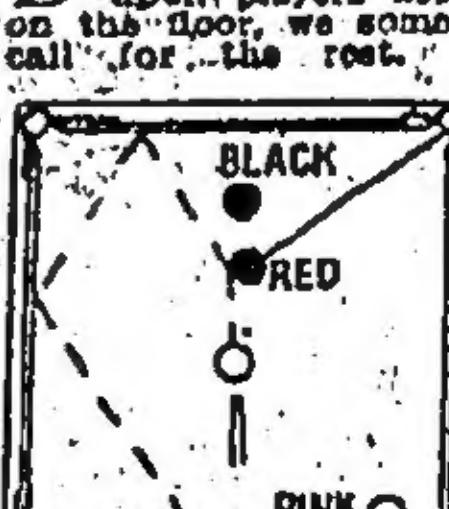
Assault Runs Last Race

Boston, Aug. 14.—Assault, one of America's best known thoroughbreds, finished fourth in the \$50,000 Massachusetts Handicap, which is likely to be his last appearance on a race course.

The six-year-old star, winner of the American triple crown as a three-year-old, bled after the race and one of the owners of the King Ranch with which Assault is associated, said that it was doubtful whether he would run again.

This was only his second appearance this year for he came from retirement, having failed as a stallion to win the Brooklyn Handicap a few weeks ago.

First Nighter, a four-year-old, won the Massachusetts race.—Reuter.



FOR YOUR SPARE MOMENTS

MCKENNEY ON BRIDGE

Here's Good Use Of A Two-Bid

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BY WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

I JUST received a letter with an interesting hand from Mrs George E. Ellison, of New Martinsville, W. Va. She is the daughter of Mrs Mary Flasher, a writer for the Columbus, O., Citizen. Mrs Flasher wrote a book sometime ago entitled "You Too Can Play Bridge," which has proved quite popular. Mrs Ellison is following in her mother's footsteps. After attending Ohio State University, Miami University and University of Mexico, she started out writing for weeklies.

Mrs Ellison said that too many people are inclined to open with a forcing two-bid when they have a strong hand. While a forcing two-bid should only be made when you have an absolute mind in your own hand, a bid of two no trump shows an exceptionally strong hand, but not necessarily one that has gone in.

Of course, that was all the information West needed to jump to six no trump, in today's hand. There are several lines of play. You might try to set up the spade suit and then squeeze either East or West. This line of play will work because on the fifth spade East will have to discard a club or a diamond.

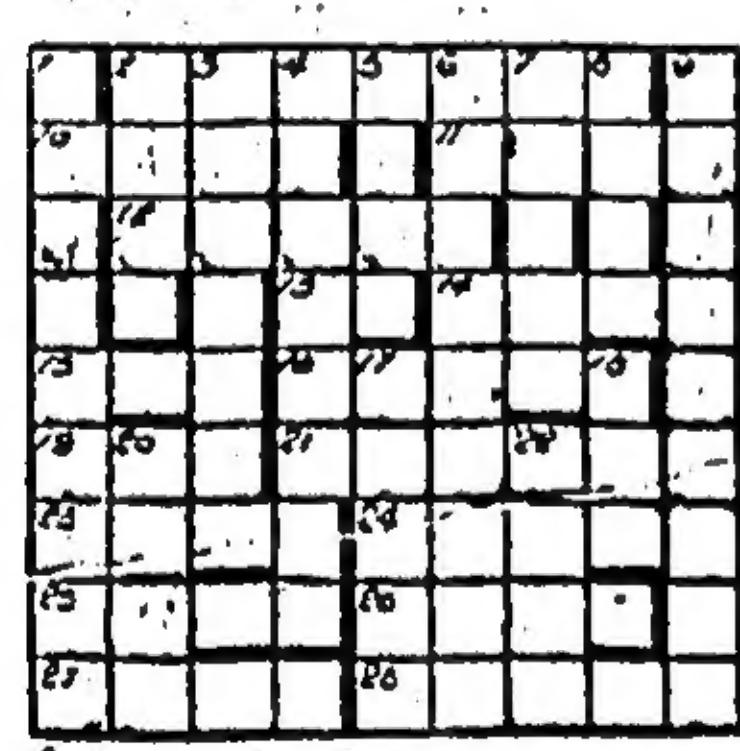
Mrs Ellison, however, tried for the simple diamond finesse. She cashed the ace of clubs. Went over to the queen of clubs and led the jack of diamonds. East covered and on the fourth diamond East had to let go of a spade or a club, which allowed Mrs Ellison to make seven odd.

Check Your Knowledge

- What is kept in the magazine of a ship?
- Whose poetry and whose preaching influenced the life of Michelangelo?
- Name the year in which Virginia was discovered.
- Name two seas containing the name of China.
- What was Saint Paul's name before his conversion?
- Name the author of "The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde."

(Answers at foot of Column.)

CROSSWORD



- Across
2. Enough to make any ear pulp.
10. No means commonplace. (4)
11. One way to copy ten and reach the top. (4)
12. American equivalent of "Bum".
13. Initially a tough trooper who takes nothing from a cry for help. (4)
14. This ranger may be outlawed. (3)
15. This ranger is part of the fleet. (3)
16. If you're afraid to be nothing but a mope, (5)
17. This entity is security against the world. (4)
18. The man who went on to discover gravity. (6)
19. This quare is a cracked bon-bon. (4)
20. He's a nobleman. (4)
21. Only a trifle. (4)
22. The man who does this at the wicket is asking for trouble. (8)

Down
1. From which you will get a first. (9)
2. This is a minister. (4)
3. This chord is a hothouse product. (4)
4. When the son breaks a piano it's individual and private. (6)
5. Funny that this stuff should make walls boom. (2)
6. Portuguese money. (4)
7. Late alterations? No, bartens. (4)
8. An old sun shield. (6)
9. Pot, pot, the houseboat. (4)
10. Internally? (4)
11. It returns to a dictator. (4)

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- CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE
Answers
- Ammunition. 2. The poetry of Dante and the preaching of Savonarola. 3, 1934. 4. The East China Sea and the South China Sea. 5. Saul. 6. Robert Louis Stevenson.

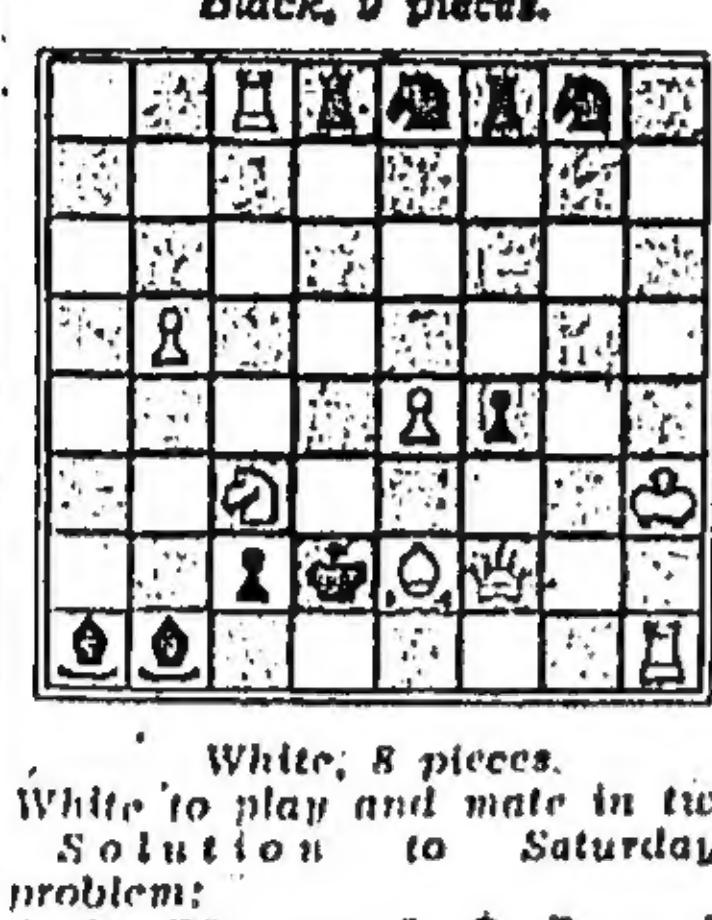
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A Woodpecker Always Knocks

—He Has a Very Good Reason for Doing So—

By MAX TRELL

KNAF, the shadow, was sitting under the tree at the back of the garden, when he heard someone knocking.

He looked around. There weren't any doors for anyone to knock at, not out in the garden. Finally he looked up. It was a woodpecker, knocking at the tree.

Knaf had never spoken to a woodpecker before. So he decided to speak to this one. "Good-morning," he said.

Knock, knock, went the woodpecker.

"Why are you knocking like that?" said Knaf in a loud voice.

At this the woodpecker stopped and looked down at Knaf. "Oh," he said, "have you been talking to me?"

"Yes," said Knaf. "I didn't hear me."

"Sorry," answered the woodpecker. "Good-morning to you!"

"Then I asked why were you knocking like that?"

Wants To Come In

"For the same reason that everybody knocks," said the woodpecker. "To tell whoever is living inside that I want to come in."

"In the tree? You can't get in the tree!"

"Just," said the woodpecker, "in the bark part of the tree."

"And just," he added the next moment, "with the end of my beak."

Not Fair At All

Knaf was about to say he didn't think that was fair at all. But at that moment the woodpecker uttered a squawk of dismay and flew up in the air, beating his wings furiously.

Knaf wondered why the woodpecker was so excited. Then suddenly Knaf noticed that the cat was in the tree, about to make a spring.

"Go away, you monster!" the woodpecker screamed. "You see!" the woodpecker cried, flying up and down in front of Knaf. "She wants to eat me up. But does she knock to tell me she's coming? Does she even meow? Not! She just creeps up without a sound and jumps! And you say I'm not fair!"

And with that the woodpecker flew off, angrier than ever.

"Well," thought Knaf to himself later, "he is fairer than the cat. But I wonder what those bugs and things think!"

AROUND THE WORLD

The East Coast of Africa

By TEMPLE MANNING

SOME of the world's most wonderful journeys are to be made, not in places that are famous or popular or well publicised, but along little known lanes and paths.

For example, the east coast of Africa is one of the most entrancing, the most colourful, the most interesting in all the world. The ports of call include Lourenco Marques, Mozambique, Zanzibar, Mombasa, Suez and Port Said. Why, the very names have excitement and charm!

Three Powers

Along the stretch of a single coast one sees the work of three powers as colonisers. Thus Portuguese, Marques and Mozambique, the British at Mombasa, and the Germans—although, of course, Tanganyika has not been under German rule since the conclusion of the First World War.

Lourenco Marques is something to see, but, then, so is any one of the parts named. Just a little way beyond the amenities of town are the thatched huts beneath the cocoa palms, surrounded by heavy tropical growth and that indefinable something of the Dark Continent that is like unto no other. Surveying Lourenco Marques, with its shining mosaic pavements, its



Thatched huts, East Africa

River Resort

Beyond the city there is Marracuene, a nice river resort that is popular not only with the town dwellers and visitors but with hippopotami. Watching the huge creatures sunning themselves and taking their ease at this little resort, it is hard to believe that, later on, one will be back in town, sipping a beverage at the Praia Seta de Mareo, listening to the Land, or, as an alternative, there will be a date at Polono Beach with its really fabulous hotel.

Twenty-five miles upland from Marracuene is the health resort of Namacha, with its medicinal springs, its tree nursery, and a splendid orangery maintained from the proceeds of the provincial lottery, tickets for which are taken by people all over South Africa.

(Tomorrow—Science At Work)

MONDAY, AUGUST 15
BORN today, your birthday is one of the strongest in the sign. The stars have given you a multitude of talents and if you make the best possible use of them, you can progress far in life. In youth, plan what you want and then go after it. You have the physical stamina to forge ahead and your tact and patience can serve you well.

You must guard against becoming too self-centered or egotistical, for with so many things in your favour and success coming so easily you are apt to think the world—and all it has to offer—is yours for the asking. Always remember that you have to keep on producing to stay at the top.

Something of a skeptic at heart, you have to try out a thing before you will give your sanction. But you are always ready to try out something new—at least once.

Highly emotional, you should find happiness in marriage. You will want thorough and complete devotion and you will reciprocate.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Your birthday star be your daily guide.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Do your best business during the afternoon and evening hours. The signs are right. Make progress.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)—Romance is definitely in the air. A marriage would be under excellent auspices.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—Good sign for domestic welfare. Marriages should turn out well today. You can also deal with the public.

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—Alertness will pay dividends now. Advertising, especially by mail, can bring excellent results.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)—Initiative is what counts now. If you are aggressive, you can get exactly what you want.

GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—Sign anything of importance and it will be all right. A contract should turn out to your advantage.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—A good day for contracts. Marriages are also favoured. Spend quite a long time on it, muttering her strange words and waving her hand over it. Suddenly with a loud crack the great stone rolls right across before their eyes!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Be co-operative with others and you can secure the best possible results.

CANCER (June 23-July 22)—Advertising definitely does pay.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)—Combine business and pleasure.

Scorpio works very slowly and Rupert and Bill get more and more puzzled.

"What can she be doing?" whispers Bill. "The stones are not changing colour and they're not moving." They move closer and gaze more intently as the little girl reaches the last slab on the path. She sprinkles water on the path and spends quite a long time on it, muttering her strange words and waving her hand over it. Suddenly with a loud crack the great stone rolls right across before their eyes!

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Night Treachery

By Harry F. O'Neill

LET'S GET HOME, CHISEL TOOTH! THE STRANGERS ARE UP TO SOMETHIN', BILL!

QUICK! DEADWOOD! SHUB THE ROPE ROUND THAT TREE! HAIR COME THE BRAINS!

THAT OUGHT TO BREAK THEIR NECKS

Illustration by United Features Syndicate

BY THE WAY by Beachcomber

I WAS wondering how long it would be before people began to psycho-analyse animals. Now I see that a woman in America who was bitten by her dog has called in a psychiatrist.

Obviously nobody would have the heart to destroy a dangerous dog if the owner could produce a certificate from a psychiatrist stating that the dog was suffering from a Cerberus complex, and seventeen suppressed urges, including Koppelemeister's.

Chez Foulenough

WHEN you hear someone saying, "They do the lobster in a most extraordinary way at this new place. It's called Lobster Cherche-Midi," I don't know whether I like it or not"—when you hear this go easy. To all attempts to capture his secret recipe, Foulenough replies, "One of the first things old Vaurien taught me when I was at Larue's in the Place de la Madeleine was that, in 1870, what there was of the place was a settlement on a spit of land about a mile long and less than half a mile broad, surrounded by marshland.

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Expansion Of

World Trade

Only Solution

To UK Crisis

Washington, Aug. 13.—The Assistant Secretary of Commerce, Mr Thomas Blaisdell, and the President of the American Legion Company, Mr Redvers Opie, said in a broadcast debate on the British financial crisis that Britain's problems merely reflected broader world problems, which could only be solved by increasing the volume of world trade and lowering trade barriers.

They said that these objectives could be attained by restoring high level international lending, making currencies convertible, and other measures.

Mr Opie said that there should be a three or four-year programme for making the necessary readjustments to attain these objectives. He said that if Britain was to increase their exports by 75 percent of their pre-war volume, world trade in general would have to increase at that rate.

STERLING AREA

Mr Blaisdell said that the sterling trading area should be preserved but linked with others by exchange convertibility. He said that the United States should take a lead in making foreign investments and should adopt a policy of increasing imports.

The Duke University economist, Mr Calvin Hoover, said that aid to Britain under the Marshall Plan should be increased, but warned that the United States Congress was not likely to favour more multi-lateralism without significant demonstrations of "solid progress" resulting from such a policy.

Mr Opie said that Britain still had to tackle the problem of cutting costs. Under bi-lateral or multi-lateralism, Britain still had to face the fact that she was consuming more than she was producing.

Mr Blaisdell said that it was not criticism of Britain to suggest that her goals had been too ambitious and the time set for achieving them

CATHOLICS DEFY RED BAN



ARCHBISHOP MATOCHA

AIL TO BACKWARD AREAS

Support From Soviet Union

Geneva, Aug. 14.—Mr A. Arutunian, Russian delegate to the United Nations Economic and Social Council, said today regarding President Truman's programme of aid to backward areas that the Soviet Union wholeheartedly supported assistance to backward areas.

The Economic and Social Council is considering a resolution adopted by its Economic setting up machinery to implement the programme.

Mr Arutunian said the resolution called for information above and beyond that needed for technical assistance to areas and accused "certain organs" of using the Council to gain such information. He said parts of the Committee report could offer opportunities that could be used for economic and political penetration of undeveloped countries which would serve the interests of "certain great powers."

He opposed establishment of "new and complex" machinery for administering the programme and said it should be left to the United Nations specialised agencies. He also opposed calling of a special technical assistance conference this autumn at Lake Success to provide for financial contributions from governments taking part in the programme.

Mr Arutunian—said he—was speaking only for his delegation and not for his government, which he had not had the time to consult.—United Press.

Swiss Join Jewel Hunt

Geneva, Aug. 14.—Switzerland's powerful police force has joined in hunting the gang which recently stole the Begum Aga Khan's priceless Jewellery in Cannes.

Geneva police are particularly vigilant, following reports that a man wanted for questioning visited the town last week.

Reports from Annemasse, on the outskirts of Geneva on the Franco-Swiss frontier, said that the suspect stayed in a hotel there last week with a woman and a baby girl.

Geneva has been an ideal hiding place since last Friday as many thousands of tourists and Swiss have thronged the town for the three-day Fêtes de Genève. Reuter.



"It's not that my sight is really bad, Doc, but I promised the wife I'd drop in and see you."

Two New Bishops Consecrated In Czechoslovakia

Trnava, Czechoslovakia, Aug. 14.—The Catholic Church defied the Communist Government of Czechoslovakia today by consecrating two new bishops without Government approval.

The Government had tried to isolate Trnava by stopping all trains into the city for some 12 hours before the ceremony, and police road blocks were set up on every road into the town. However, the white and gold Vatican flag fluttered from all churches here as most of the Czechoslovakian hierarchy, more than 100 priests, and some 12,000 Catholics braved the tommy-guns carrying police to attend.

Three thousand Catholics crowded into the Cathedral of St Nicholas for the consecration. Other thousands stood outside in heavy rain to hear Mass at an outdoor altar and sing hymns of praise. This group ignored loudspeakers which blared popular tunes from public buildings.

A high Catholic source revealed that Archbishop Josef Matocha, Czechoslovakia's second prelate, and 10 other bishops came to Trnava last night by car and train. Only Archbishop Josef Beran of Prague and Bishop Marie Pilek of Hradec Kralove—both reported semi-prisoners in their palaces—did not attend the gathering.

Archbishop Matocha conducted the ceremony as the new bishops, Ambrose Lazik of Trnava and Dr Robert Probozny, prostrated themselves before the trio of consecrating clergy.

NOT ONE INVITED

After the ceremony, the crowd slowly dispersed. Sympathisers of the Government-sponsored Catholic Action passed out leaflets saying an outcry against the Catholic Action was a mistake and they were "misunderstood"; but hundreds of Catholics took the leaflets, tore them into bits and trampled them into the mud before the eyes of the heavily-armed security police.

Dr Ladislav Holovic, Slovak apostle vicar, told the crowds: "No one can be a member of the Church if he does not follow the bishops, because their way is Christ's way."

A Catholic spokesman noted that not a single priest or bishop was invited to Trnava and no announcement was made to the public, "yet look at the thousands here".—United Press.

SECRET POLICE

Trnava, Slovakia, Aug. 14.—Police stopped trains and set up roadside check points on all roads leading here today, as 10,000 Roman Catholics assembled at St. Nicholas Cathedral to take part in the consecration of two new bishops.

Among the 3,000 worshippers inside the Cathedral were a number of secret police, Catholics state.

Peasants and villagers through Moravia and Western Slovakia tell Reuter yesterday that they knew about the ceremony and regarded it as a manifesto against the Government.

The Church recognises that the new Bishops will have no title from the State, but they are specifically stated to have "full spiritual authority."

Church spokesman in Trnava said today that it was a purely religious ceremony.

Spokesmen from the Slovak authorities, who are semi-independent of Prague, said that the Church's action would be regarded as provocation and that there would be a black mark against the Church in future.

NO SUPPORT

A Slovak churchman said that they were supposed to have freedom of religion "but there are Government agents in our offices which can be done without their signature."

"We may not write letters without their permission," he said.

It said the Tito Government had "disserted the camp of socialism and democracy for the camp of foreign capital and reaction" and added: "The attitude of the Soviet Government towards Yugoslavia and towards the people of Yugoslavia always has been and remains invariably friendly."—United Press.

Collapses While Speaking

London, Aug. 14.—Dr R. U. Hingorani, eminent medical specialist and President of the Overseas Indian Association, collapsed in a London hotel last night while speaking at the Association's dinner to mark the second anniversary of Indian independence.

He had to be taken home. A friend said that his collapse was due to over-work.—Reuter.

Killing Fire On Loose



This aerial view of Montana's deadliest forest blaze in the Gates of the Mountains area gives a vivid idea of what firefighters were up against between the rugged terrain and the terrific smoke and heat. The fire killed 13 persons and ravaged more than 3,000 acres of timber.—(AP Picture).

Karachi Observes Pakistan's Second Independence Day

Karachi, Aug. 14.—Camels draped with cloths of gold led the processions through a gaily decorated Karachi today to celebrate the second anniversary of Pakistan's Independence.

The constitutional transfer of power to both the Dominions of India and Pakistan took place on August 15, 1947, but Earl Mountbatten, the last Viceroy, actually transferred power in Karachi on August 14 and in New Delhi the next day.

Pakistan's capital was up guard, to take the Salute at early this morning to a military parade and fly past of the Pakistan Air Force.

Addressing an Air Force parade this afternoon, the Prime Minister, Liaquat Ali Khan, said that it was a matter of great credit that the Pakistan Air Force had grown within the short space of two years from the equivalent of one squadron to the magnificent force that it now was.

He thanked the Royal Air Force officers and men for the help they had given.

There were to be massed torchlight processions through the city tonight.—Reuter.

DEADLOCK OVER HAIFA REFINERIES

Tel-Aviv, Aug. 14.—The Israeli Cabinet is expected to make a final decision, involving the threat of confiscation, on the Haifa oil refineries this week, a usually reliable source stated to-night.

The source said that the Government, despairing of the present deadlock, would threaten the British-owned Consolidated Refineries with confiscation if the huge plant was not fully operating within a specified time.

The decision, the source added, was expected on Tuesday or Wednesday.

The refineries were closed at the end of the British Mandate in Palestine, when oil supplies from Iraq stopped. They reopened last summer on instructions of the Palestine Government and refined considerable stocks of oil for the Israeli Army.

Difficulties in arranging supplies of crude oil prevented the refineries from resuming normal work and the plant was thoroughly overhauled under British supervision. It was ready for work in May but the crude oil supply problem remained.

It has been suggested that the Israeli Government might, on its own initiative, bring crude oil to the refineries, and work them, either directly and/or through Consolidated Refineries. A project to construct a 250-mile pipeline from Israel's Red Sea coast has been mentioned.—Reuter.

LOSES FOUR FINGERS

Aberdeen, Aug. 14.—The 301-ton Polish trawler, Syrusz, made a 170-kilometres dash to Aberdeen today to land a member of her crew who had four fingers severed from his right hand.

The Syrusz was herring fishing last night when Stefan Pyech, 35-year-old second engineer, had the fingers severed by a wire rope after the vessel had lurched suddenly.

Pyech walked to the skipper's cabin for first aid. The trawler immediately headed for Aberdeen, reaching port 14 hours later. Pyech is now in hospital.—Reuter.

NEW STAGE REACHED IN KASHMIR SETTLEMENT

New York, Aug. 14.—United Nations circles expressed considerable satisfaction today at the announcement from Srinagar that both India and Pakistan had accepted the United Nations Commission's invitation to a joint meeting to reach a truce agreement.

With the implementation of the cease-fire early in August and the ground work laid for a truce, it was said that the fulfilment of two of the main conditions of the August 13 resolution was in sight.

Admiral Nimitz, who has been waiting at Lake Success since his appointment as plebiscite administrator in March last, was today reported to be planning to leave for Kashmir early in September if an agreement was reached on the negotiations, which will start in New Delhi shortly.

According to the New York Times, the Kashmir plebiscite will cost between Rs.175 lakhs to Rs.300 lakhs "depending upon how much the Government co-operating in holding the plebiscite will charge for providing personnel and equipment".

LIST OF VOTERS

The newspaper reported that Admiral Nimitz said that the first task of his mission would be to compile a list of qualified voters.

Village-to-village lists would be compiled, and time would be needed to decide claims by Indian and Pakistani representatives that individual voters were not qualified.

According to Admiral Nimitz, women would possibly be allowed to vote.

The New York Times said that under tentative plans prepared by Admiral Nimitz, Indian and Pakistani representatives would be allowed to be present at each polling place. However, the decision on all contested issues would be made by a representative of the Mission.

Admiral Nimitz would need a staff of 3,000 men for this purpose.

Although Admiral Nimitz had made no final decision on this point he thought a detachment of United States soldiers or marines would be well suited for this responsibility.—Reuter.

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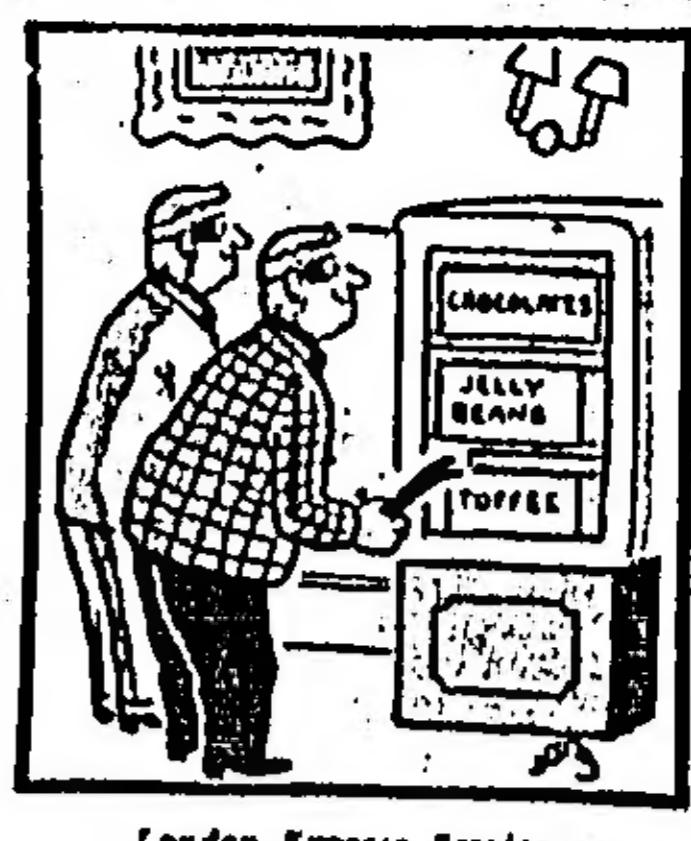
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